

HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2026
Eminence, KY

Board Members in attendance: Karen Morehead Fisher, Steve Metcalfe, Ellen Yonts Suetholz, LeAnne Yancey, Wayne Sparrow

Library Staff in attendance: Tony Jones

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by Karen Morehead Fisher at 5:03 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes Reviewed: A motion was made to approve the February 26, 2026 Minutes by Steve Metcalfe and seconded by Ellen Yonts Suetholz. All voted 5 to 0 to approve the February 26, 2026 Minutes.

Circulation Report: The February 2026 Circulation Report was accepted as presented.

Financial Report; including disbursements: Following a review of the Financial Reports, a motion was made to accept the Reports and approve the disbursements by Wayne Sparrow and seconded by Karen Morehead Fisher. All voted 5 to 0 to approve the Reports.

Old Business:

- **Parking Lot Update** – At the last meeting, Isaac Hardesty with Terracon provided an overview of the Geophysical Exploration Report of the parking lot. There were two possible solutions: 1) excavate, take it out and replace the parking lot but this will be very disruptive to the library staff and public OR 2) perform injection grouting and this would be much less invasive. The Board agreed Tony should seek a quote for injection grouting and Isaac provided Tony with a contact, Aaron Rodgers. The estimate provided was \$160,000 for the whole lot and doing only the problem areas would be around \$50,000. Both estimates are over the threshold of \$40,000, which would require the project to be let for bids. Tony suggested we table this issue until the next meeting as the accountant will attend.
- **Library Expansion Update** – Tony indicated the accountant suggested the library spend about \$500,000 less on the project and allow for the cost to be spread over two budget cycles. The cost savings would come from cutting some of the square footage of the entire project as well as the planned space off from the porch and an outdoor amphitheater. The amended project will continue to move forward.

- **Book Locker Update** – Digital EFX Wraps will wrap the front of the locker, but the process is just taking longer than expected. Tony has sent the vendor suggestions for the wrap. It is ready to be used except for a few minor things remaining.

New Business:

- **Senate Bill 40** – The bill will impact the process by which board members are selected when there is a vacancy. It is currently on the Governor’s desk for signature as it has passed both the House and the Senate. The Governor has 10 days from the date he received it – March 20 – excluding Sundays to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature. Tony also reminded the Board that Karen will be termed out in June.
- **Summer Learning Training** – Suzanne requested a dedicated time to have Summer Learning training. Tony suggested to have a half day for training staff on the summer learning program on Friday, May 15. LeAnne Yancey made a motion to allow the library to close for a half day on Friday, May 15 and Wayne Sparrow seconded the motion. All voted 5 to 0 to approve the closure.
- **Director Evaluation** – The Board considered the evaluation of Tony and provided him with feedback. Overall, his rating on topics was excellent.

Director’s Report:

- The Friends of Henry County Public Library are hosting a “Meet Friends with Friends Event” on Saturday, April 18 from 9:30 to 1pm at the library. They have a full agenda for the day.
- Tony reviewed the KDLA’s “Kentucky Public Library Services Return on Investment” report and highlighted the information specific to Henry County.
- The library is now leasing a poster printer to make poster sized signs and banners. This printer will eventually be placed in the maker space.
- Tony is partnering with the Henry County Local and the Chamber for a candidate meet and greet on Thursday, April 23 at 5:30-7:30pm at the Community Center.
- The preschool prom will be Friday, April 24 at the HCPL from 6-7:30pm.
- The library’s back fence was removed as it obstructed the view and was leaning following recent strong storms. Eventually there may need to be a replacement fence.
- Fred Downey donated a picture of the very first fire department in Eminence, and it is now located by the coffee area in the library.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

